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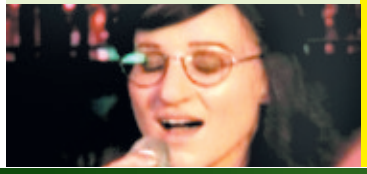

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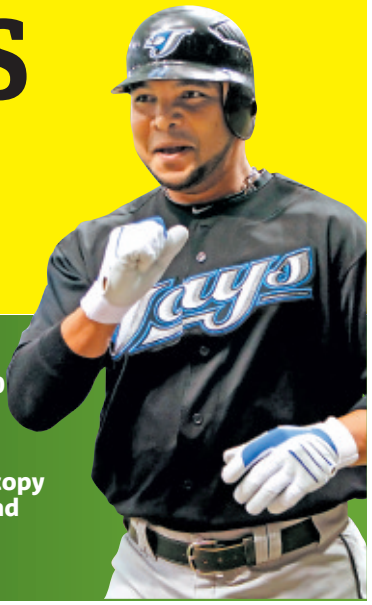

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G20 violence. Most wanted

▶ Det. Sgt. Gary Giroux speaks to media during a news conference in Toronto yesterday.

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Police reveal G20 'most wanted'

Toronto police displayed photos yesterday of a "most wanted" list of people they allege took part in violence and vandalism during the G20 protests. Det. Sgt. Gary Giroux said the list was based on individuals they suspected caused some of the most serious damage during the weekend. More coverage, page 3

Sink or swim all too real

▶ Newcomers to Canada at greater risk of drowning, study finds ▶ Nearly 500 people drown each year in Canada ▶ 20% of immigrants say they cannot swim

Newcomers to Canada have a higher risk of drowning in boating and swimming mishaps than those born in the country, a study has found.

The study, commissioned by the Lifesaving Society, focused on newcomers from China, South Asia and Southeast Asia, and found people in Canada for less than five years are at highest risk of drowning.

Even though 20 per cent of immigrants said they cannot swim, 79 per cent reported to the study that they planned to spend time around or on the water this summer.

They could be putting themselves at risk by making those plans, considering a third of the respondents who weren't born in Canada are afraid of water and half worry their kids could drown, said Lifesaving Society spokeswoman Barbara Byers.

"They want to do what everybody else is doing, and they just don't realize that you need to have some training and some lessons and some skill to be safe."
BARBARA BYERS, LIFESAVING SOCIETY SPOKESWOMAN, ON HOW DANGEROUS WATER CAN BE FOR IMMIGRANTS

Just four per cent of Canadian respondents said they couldn't swim.

Immigrants may come from landlocked countries or may have received little water safety training, so they could be unaware of how dangerous water can be, she said.

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Comic-Con

Festival of nerds draws A-listers

▶ San Diego's humble comic book fair now regarded as a barometer of cool ▶ Fans wait to see if Hollywood's first couple shows up {page 23}

Is Big Brother dating you?

Technology has made dating as fun as ordering pizza {page 20}

Comfort food that's not heavy

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The G20's 10 most wanted list

Police aim to build on response after releasing several photos last week Man turns himself in

Toronto police are seeking the public's help in identifying 10 "most wanted" people they allege took part in violence and vandalism during the G20 protests.

Det.-Sgt. Gary Giroux said after six images were released last week, three people were identified overnight and one is now in custody and facing charges.

Ashran Ravindhraj, 25, of Toronto, surrendered himself to police yesterday and is now facing charges of arson and two counts of mischief over $5,000. Police allege he smashed windows and burned a police car.

In releasing this round of the "most wanted" G20 suspects, police said they hope to continue the updates on a weekly basis and whittle down about 60 people still wanted for protest violence.

One of the people whose image was released yesterday was responsible for a "tremendous amount of damage" and an attack on a member of the media, Giroux said while pointing to a picture of a man, his face partially covered with a black bandana as he swung a bag full of rocks over his head.

Giroux also urged the public to keep submitting photographs and video images of "criminal acts committed during the G20." As of yesterday, the G20 investigative team said they had received more than 14,000 still images and more than 500 videos.

He also said he will seek co-operation from other provinces or foreign countries if investigations find out that some of the suspects are from those places.

There are already photographs from a Montreal police service database showing individuals suspected of being part of what transpired during the G20 weekend, Giroux said, and officers will travel to Toronto to assist in identifying them.

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▶ Police have released a most-wanted list of people they allege took part in violence and vandalism during the G20 protests.

Restaurants felt pinch: Survey

51 per cent of downtown restaurants that responded to the survey closed outright during the G20 due to safety concerns.

Restaurants inside and outside downtown are reporting a significant drop in business during last month's G20 summit.

The Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association says that's the finding after 234 restaurants responded to an online survey last week.

Some 93 per cent of downtown respondents and 73 per cent in the rest of the city reported a "significant decrease" in sales between June 21 and 30, compared with the same period in 2009.

Just one per cent reported a significant increase.

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▶ Freelance graphic artist Yana Stepchenko takes part in an issues parade hosted by Manifest Communications yesterday. Manifest is a social issue communicator that took the issues it works on every day from its old office on Peter Street, and walked them down the sidewalks.

Workers parade issues of the day down the streets

Many passersby took cellphone shots and the scene caused a rubbernecker to bump into another car

When companies move offices, it's usually done after hours.

When Manifest Communications moved yesterday, its employees marched through the streets of Toronto at 8:45 a.m., carrying giant, three-dimensional cardboard words.

Manifest is a communications company involved with social change, according its creative director Jim Diorio.

"We wanted to make sure we brought our issues with us," Diorio said as he carried the words "human rights" to lead the walk. Other signs included "AIDS," "climate change" and "mental health."

"We wanted to show people that these issues are real and moving. It's a very non-Toronto thing to do."
MARK SARNER, MANIFEST COMMUNICATIONS

The company's employees, along with a few advertising and design students, carried the signs from their old office at Richmond and Peter streets to their new confines on Spadina Avenue just north of Queen Street West.

"The signs are an obtrusive way for people to take notice of the issues and not the noise surrounding the issues," Diorio said.

It was markedly different from recent protests on Toronto's streets. The employees wore white shirts, walked silently on the sidewalk and obeyed all laws and traffic signals.

Martina Svoboda was biking to work when she pulled over and dug out her camera to take a picture.

"I like it — it's so creative," Svoboda said with a large smile. "I wonder what they're doing with the signs after they're done?"

They will be hung in their new office's windows, according to company president Mark Sarner.
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Man gets life sentence for woman's homicide

It was with a mix of sadness, gratitude and bitterness that Yasmin Ashareh's family watched a judge sentence William Imona-Russel to a mandatory life sentence yesterday.

While thankful a jury had convicted him of first-degree murder less than 24 hours earlier, family members still struggled to understand why he had been free on bail when he stabbed her to death with scissors early July 9, 2006, before stuffing her body into a hockey bag and leaving it outside.

They also question why "the system" bent over backwards for someone "who never contributed to this country" and to ensure he got a fair trial, allowed him four years of filing "one appeal after the other" at taxpayer expense.

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▶ William Imona-Russel

He "believes (the) Canadian justice system is (a) joke," said Asha Ashareh, Yasmin's mother, while reading her victim-impact statement.

Suad Ashareh described her younger sister Yasmin as a kind, caring young woman of 20 who had worked an eight-hour shift in a northwest Toronto grocery store before returning to the townhouse unit where she had just rented a room across from Imona-Russel.

"Your evilness did not overshadow our beautiful, intelligent and inspiring sister," she said, looking up to glare at Imona-Russel.

He becomes eligible to apply for parole in 2031. He can apply for early release under the faint-hope clause after 15 years in custody. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Jurors

- Seven of 11 jurors returned to Superior Court yesterday — the 12th juror was discharged because of the stress of the lengthy, often grisly and technical trial — where they received hugs and expressions of appreciation from Yasmin Ashareh's family.

New exits on subway going ahead

City councillors on the Toronto Transit Commission have voted to move ahead on the installation of new fire safety exits at the Greenwood and Donlands subway stations — giving priority to exit locations being proposed by nearby residents.

But that hasn't salved the disappointment of homeowners, who only found out about the construction in recent weeks and don't want subway exits on their residential streets.

Lisa Dymond said that the TTC's failure to defer a decision on the Donlands exit means citizens and city planners haven't been heard.
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Appeal to heart to sell tolls: Expert

When it comes to making the case for tolls or new taxes to fight gridlock and expand transit, decision makers need to use an "aspirational" message, says a marketing expert.

"We shop rationally, but we buy emotionally," said Chantel Broten, managing director of JAN Kelley Marketing during a discussion yesterday organized by the Toronto City Summit Alliance. "You need to appeal to the head and the heart."

While drivers might object to paying more to drive, they might be willing to do so for other reasons, such as "making things better for our children's children."
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Parts sector expected to add jobs

Canada's auto industry shed nearly 10,000 jobs in the last year alone, and experts are looking to innovation in the parts sector to reverse this trend.

The next generation of jobs in the Canadian auto industry won't come from the big automakers' assembly plants, but from parts manufacturers that invest in new technology such as lighter-weight materials and more fuel-efficient engines, said Carlos Gomes, automotive economist at Scotiabank.

Gomes said employment in the parts sector has crept up from a low of 58,000 last summer to about 60,000 currently.
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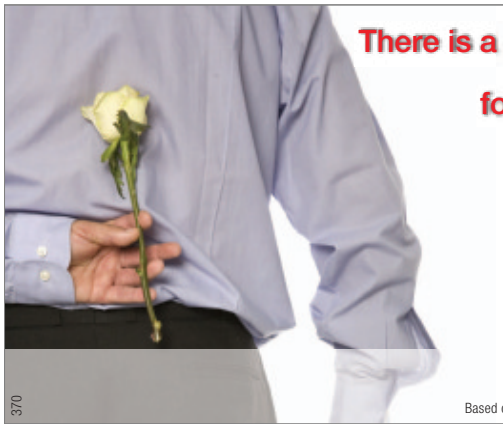

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Minister: Eco fees need to be transparent

- Some retailers have overcharged their customers
- Opposition calls on ombudsman to investigate

Ontario retailers should consider listing the new eco fees on price tags and shelf labels to improve a program that's caught many frustrated consumers by surprise, Ontario Environment Minister John Gerretsen said yesterday.

"That may be an excellent idea," Gerretsen said in an interview with The Canadian Press. "That's certainly worth looking at."

It's about improving the transparency of the new fees, he said, which have been mired in controversy since retailers began to apply them to a wider array of consumer products July 1.

The money collected from the fees is meant to fund a provincial program that recycles items that could be potentially hazardous, such as fire extinguishers, household cleaners and paint.

But many were surprised when they saw the fees on their bill because there was no public warning from Stewardship Ontario, an industry-led organization that oversees the program.

Amid the public confusion, some retailers ended up overcharging customers, sparking a stern rebuke from Gerretsen.

TARA WALTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES

▶ John Gerretsen

He's warned Stewardship Ontario that he has "serious concerns" about the availability of information on the program, and has ordered them to stop retailers from overcharging customers.

"If the program is not accountable, transparent and subject to audit so that consumers are not paying more than they should, then we may have to take a look at perhaps getting rid of eco-fees altogether," he said yesterday.

Opposition parties say that's not enough.

The governing Liberals must find out where the money is going, or leave it to a third party to find out, they say.

"Taxpayers, businesses, we all have a responsibility to now call on the government to give us an account of what this agency has done since it began collecting these fees — multi-millions of dollars," said Progressive Conservative Frank Klees.

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Confusion

Stewardship Ontario, which oversees the eco-fee program in Ontario, collects and allocates money from retailers and manufacturers, who determine the fees that they then pass on to consumers. But this has so far led to problems.

- **Lack of transparency** A fee can be embedded in the sticker price, which means consumers won't know when or how much they're being charged.
- **Lack of consistency** There's also confusion about why certain items are being levied, such as environmentally friendly products that use natural ingredients.

Racing. Hot ride

▶ Alex Tagliani laughs after Nathaniel Branch, 3, offers for trade his little Hot Wheels car.

TANNIS TOOHEY/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES

Tagliani drives new toy into town

Alex Tagliani, a Montreal native and a driver in the IndyCar Series, showed off his new Honda IndyCar, customized in Hot Wheels style, yesterday at Yonge and Dundas Square.

News in brief

Police search for taxi bandit

ROBBERY. Police in Stratford, Ont., have issued an arrest warrant for an alleged bank robber who fled to Toronto in a cab on Tuesday.

He made it to Toronto, where police stopped the cab. The suspect ran into the Eaton Centre and got away.

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Alleged robber faces 52 charges

A Toronto man faces a total of 52 charges after a string of robberies and assaults during the last four months.

Police allege the suspect was responsible for 20 retail and bank robberies in Toronto between March and this week.

It's alleged the suspect was armed with a handgun and wore a disguise when he committed the robberies and fled in a stolen vehicle.

In some cases, the robber would pistol-whip victims.

Oslee Mitchell, 26, has been charged with numerous counts of armed robbery, wearing a disguise, assault causing bodily harm, assault with a weapon, possession of stolen property and possession of an automobile master key.

He was due in court yesterday.

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Clothing still at the scene?

Toronto police say clothing from a woman who was beaten and sexually assaulted in a cemetery may have been disposed of nearby.

The clothing included the woman's track pants, T-shirt and running shoes.

Police are asking that anyone who finds the clothing contact police and not touch the items.

The 61-year-old woman was attacked Monday while visiting a family gravesite in Pine Hills Cemetery.

Police say she was "seriously injured" and was admitted to hospital, but they provided no further details.

Police are looking for a white man about 30 to 40 years of age, 5-foot-6, with a skinny build, clean shaven and with his hair tied in a ponytail.

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Good news for needle haters

Canada is about to get a needle-free flu vaccine option. Vaccine maker AstraZenaca Canada says it has received Health Canada approval to bring FluMist to the Canadian market.

FluMist is administered by squirting a fine mist into a nostril.

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Bad news for lettuce lovers

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency is warning the public not to eat some types of Fresh Express brand romaine-based salads because they may be contaminated with E. coli.

California-based Fresh Express Inc. issued a recall on the product.

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Let us know where the money goes: Ford

TANNIS TOOHEY/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ Mayoral candidate Rob Ford has vowed to slash budgets at city hall and increase transparency if elected mayor.

Candidate touts competitive bid process for all major city purchases

Mayoral candidate Rob Ford says taxpayers should be able to check online to see details of the billions city hall spends annually.

As a city councillor, Ford put councillors' expenses on his own website, a practice that didn't win him any friends on council, but one the city later adopted. Now he says he wants to shine a light on all of the items in the city's $9.2-billion annual operating budget.

Since May, Ford has been campaigning hard against what he calls waste and mismanagement at city hall, and highlighting all spending is a new wrinkle in those efforts.

The councillor for Etobicoke North also formally pledged, if elected, to cut councillors' annual expense budgets to $30,000 from $50,445, slash the mayor's office expenses by 20 per cent and cut each councillor's budget for staff to $175,000 from about $200,000. The moves would save a total of about $3 million annually, he said.

"Now it is time to publish all city spending online so citizens can see how their money is being spent and hold their government accountable."
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Ford also favours a whistleblower protection bylaw to shield city staffers from retaliation for exposing waste, corruption or mismanagement.

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News in brief

Man stabbed to death

SCARBOROUGH. A man in his 30s is dead after being stabbed in what police say may have been a botched robbery. Police say the victim was driving a Ford Explorer early yesterday when he stopped the vehicle on McCowan Avenue near Lawrence, got out and collapsed on the ground. The victim — suffering from a knife wound to the stomach — was taken to hospital, where he later died from his injuries. Police say they have located a possible crime scene in the Danforth and Midland area.

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Explosion levels house

MARKHAM. An explosion and fire has destroyed a house in Markham. Police say they were called at about 11:45 p.m. Tuesday after the home burst into flames. The cause of the explosion has not been determined. A witness said an unconscious and bloodied man was found on the floor. After being pulled from the burning house, the man regained consciousness and fled before police arrived.

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Woman killed in accident

REXDALE. A 65-year-old woman is dead following a collision. Police say the woman drove her car through a red light on Kipling Avenue near Belfield Road Tuesday. A delivery truck hit the car, and the woman was declared dead at the scene.

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Doctor facing fraud charge

ST. CATHARINES. A doctor is facing charges for allegedly defrauding OHIP. Police say it's alleged that OHIP was billed for services that were not performed by Dr. Gabriel N. Attallah.

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Three garages set ablaze in Leslieville

Police haven't determined a connection ● No injuries reported

RENE JOHNSTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ Maarten Bomers describes how he doused the beginnings of a fire in his garage yesterday.

Maarten Bomers was asleep in his Leslieville home when he awoke around 4 a.m. yesterday to an unwelcome odour: The smell of smoke from a fire that was beginning to envelop his garage. Then he heard the blaring sirens of fire trucks on nearby Gerrard Street East, responding to two other fires nearby.

"I thought maybe they were coming down our street," said the Austin Ave. resident. "I looked around to my backyard, and saw my garage was on fire."

Bomers, who was still in his underwear, rushed down the stairs to the backyard, and grabbed a 100-foot garden hose that he had given to his wife just 11 days ago for their 27th anniversary.

Bomers said that hose may have helped him save his entire property from being engulfed in flames. "It must have just started," he said. "Because I got there so quickly, I was able to put it out with it."

"If there is any consolation, it's just the fact that there wasn't any real destruction. I almost feel a little bit guilty, I was very lucky," Bomers said, referring to three other garages within a one-kilometre radius that police say were hit by arson within 17 minutes overnight.

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One of three fires destroys man's garage

"It sounds like it was random, a guy going from garage to garage."
WILLIAM PORPER

William Porper had just bought the house at 1178 Gerrard four days ago. "The garage is completely gone. I planned to do renovations. Now I guess I have to do more," he said.

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Canada geese culled, beaten

Instead of culling like in U.S., cities need better management, planning: Ted Cheskey of Nature Canada

Canada geese south of the border have become the targets of several recent mass killings, both state-sanctioned and otherwise.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says about 400 geese were wiped out in Brooklyn's Prospect Park last week because of concerns they were endangering airplane flights.

The department says the birds were herded into a fenced area, taken to a building and gassed with carbon dioxide.

109

Earlier this month in an Oregon community, authorities gassed 109 Canada geese. The birds had become a pest in parks and many people were disgusted by goose droppings.

Authorities in New Jersey say that 18 geese were found beaten and shot in the head in the western part of the state.

Ted Cheskey, with Nature Canada, says it's not surprising the birds have become problematic as people have created the perfect habitat for the geese, with freshly cut grass and open waters that no longer freeze.

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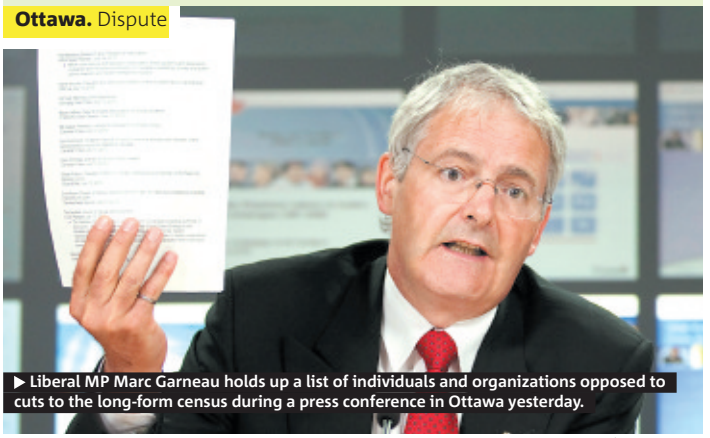
Ottawa. Dispute



▶ Liberal MP Marc Garneau holds up a list of individuals and organizations opposed to cuts to the long-form census during a press conference in Ottawa yesterday.

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MP demands meeting on census

Liberal MP Marc Garneau is calling for a Commons committee to hold a special meeting in order to question Industry Minister Tony Clement about the decision to eliminate the compulsory long census form in 2011.

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Arnold polling at new low

CALIFORNIA. A new poll says California voters are giving Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger the lowest rating for a sitting governor in more than 50 years.

The Field Poll released yesterday says just 22 per cent of voters surveyed approve of Schwarzenegger's performance, while 70 per cent disapprove.

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Eight U.S. troops killed

AFGHANISTAN. American forces suffered a deadly 24 hours in Afghanistan, with eight troops killed in attacks including an audacious Taliban raid on a police compound in the key southern city of Kandahar, officials said yesterday.

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Bomber vowed vengeance

VIDEO RECORDING. The man who pleaded guilty to carrying out the attempted Times Square car bombing vowed in a video recorded before the failed attack that he would strike the U.S. to avenge the deaths of Muslims killed by American forces.

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Oil spill causes traffic jam

MONTREAL. An oil spill near Montreal has caused a traffic jam on the St. Lawrence Seaway. Officials say nine ships were stuck in the seaway and three more have had to drop anchor.

Officials say between 50 and 200 tonnes of oil have seeped out.

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Scientist heads back to Tehran

On Monday, he appeared at the Pakistani Embassy in Washington, asking to be sent home

An Iranian nuclear scientist who disappeared a year ago was on his way home to Tehran yesterday from the United States, ending a bizarre and mysterious intelligence drama.

Shahram Amiri said in an interview aired yesterday on Iranian state TV that he was abducted by American and Saudi agents while on a pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia last year, drugged, whisked to the United States, where the CIA sought to force and bribe him into exposing Iranian secrets.

The U.S. has denied claims of an abduction and has depicted Amiri as a willing defector who changed his mind, apparently because he missed — or feared for — his family, still in Iran.

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▶ This image, from an Iranian TV broadcast in June, shows a man whom Iranian broadcasters identified as Iranian nuclear scientist Shahram Amiri.

On Tuesday, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Amiri had been in the United States "of his own free will and he is free to go."

That was the Obama administration's first acknowledgment that Amiri was even in the country since he vanished in Saudi Arabia in June 2009, fueling speculation that he had defected and was offering information on Iran's nuclear program.

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Amiri

The United States and its allies accuse Tehran of seeking to build a nuclear weapon, a claim Iran denies, saying its program is for peaceful purposes.

- **Video** Whatever happened, Amiri's case turned into a bizarre spectacle last month, when Iranian state TV aired a video he purportedly made from an Internet cafe in Tucson, Ariz., and sent to Iranian intelligence claiming U.S. and Saudi "terror and kidnap teams" snatched him.
- **Another clip** In another video, he said he was studying for a doctorate in the United States. In a third, shaky piece of footage, Amiri claimed to have escaped from U.S. agents.

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Sudden snag freezes oil spill battle

British Petroleum yesterday froze activity on two key projects meant to choke off the oil billowing from its broken well in the Gulf of Mexico.

The development was a stunning setback after the British oil giant finally seemed to be on track following nearly three months of failed attempts to stop the spill.

The disaster has sullied beaches from Florida to Texas and decimated the multibillion dollar fishing industry.

BP and the U.S. government said more analysis was needed before testing could proceed on a new temporary well cap — the best hope since April of stopping the geyser.

Work on a permanent fix, relief wells that will plug the spill from below with mud and cement, also was halted.

Oil continued to spew nearly unimpeded into the water, with no clear timeline on when it would stop.

"We want to move forward with this as soon as we are ready to do it," said Kent Wells, a BP senior vice-president.

Roger Anderson, a marine geologist at Columbia University, said he believes BP and the government are just being very cautious. "So I wouldn't panic," he said.

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▶ Commercial fisherman Villere Demolle carries donated goods in Louisiana. The oil spill has stopped him fishing.

Disaster in Gulf

The leak began after the Deepwater Horizon offshore drilling platform exploded on April 20.

- **The human toll:** Eleven workers were killed. Fishing livlihoods have been shattered.
- **The environmental toll:** Up to 676 million litres of oil have spilled in the Gulf.

Boycott Alberta, tourists urged

Giant billboard campaign calls tarsands 'The Other Oil Disaster'
It's 'most environmentally unfriendly place' in North America: Group

Alberta is famous for its stunning mountain vistas and wide open spaces, but a U.S. environmental group wants oil-soaked birds to be the image that sticks in tourists' minds.

San Francisco-based Corporate Ethics International launched a new ad campaign yesterday that urges would-be visitors to "rethink" planning a trip to Alberta.

"Alberta is spending millions to brand itself as an environmentally friendly destination for tourists when, in fact, we think it's the most environmentally unfriendly place in North America because of the tarsands," said executive director Michael Marx.

Billboards are going up in Seattle, Portland, Denver and Minneapolis.

The campaign will expand to the United Kingdom in two weeks.

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▶ Environmental group goes to war against Alberta with this Seattle billboard.

The street-level signs read "Alberta: The Other Oil Disaster" above two side-by-side images of oil-coated birds.

One picture is labelled "Gulf Oil Spill Disaster" and the other has the caption "Alberta Tar Sands Oil Disaster."

"Thinking of visiting Alberta, Canada? Think again," the ad continues.

Corporate Ethics is also taking out ads on Google and tourism websites.

"We think the Alberta government has been pretty arrogant in ignoring the concerns of environmental groups in the U.S., in Europe and in Canada, as well as First Nations," Marx said.

Marx claimed Alberta has been "deceptive in its public relations in claiming that they're greening the tarsands."

Travis Davies with the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers said the group's endeavour doesn't deserve much credence,

"This group and groups like it thrive on providing a small piece of the picture and claiming it represents the whole when it clearly does not," Davies said.

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We won't back down: minister

Alberta won't back down over the tarsands.

Energy Minister Ron Liepert says it will continue to push its side of the story south of the border.

"Most Americans want security of supply, they want their sources to be developed in a responsible way," he said.

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Judgment day coming on detainee docs

Tories, Grits, Bloc agree to members of panel to review Afghan controversy NDP refuses to take part

The federal government appointed three former high-court jurists yesterday to a blue-ribbon panel that will examine sensitive documents in the Afghanistan detainee controversy.

The panel includes two former Supreme Court justices — Claire L'Heureux-Dube and Frank Iacobucci — and a former B.C. Supreme Court justice, Donald Brenner.

"These highly respected legal experts will help to ensure that the work of ... parliamentarians does not jeopardize Canada's national defence, international relations and national security," Justice Minister Rob Nicholson said in a release yesterday.

Last week, a select group of MPs began poring over some 40,000 sensitive documents related to detainees, to help determine whether Canada knowingly turned over prisoners to face torture at the hands of Afghan authorities.

Three federal parties reached a deal last month on how to provide access to the documents without jeopardizing national security, after a showdown in the House of Commons that was resolved by the Speaker in a historic ruling.

Peter Milliken's decision affirmed the supremacy of Parliament over the objections of the Conservative government, and ordered the parties to find a practical way for MPs to view the documents.

The panel will determine how or if relevant documents are to be released publicly.

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▶ Former Supreme Court Justice Claire L'Heureux-Dube will be one of two former Supreme Court justices tasked with sifting through sensitive Afghan-detainee documents.

"I am confident all parties involved will proceed in good faith so that our men and women serving abroad will be able to perform their duties safely and effectively."
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India blasts Pakistan's spy agency

ISI controlled the 2008 Mumbai attackers, key minister claims

India has accused Pakistan's spy agency of planning and executing the 2008 Mumbai attacks.

The accusation came a day before the foreign ministers of the two countries are set to meet to attempt to rebuild a fragile peace dialogue that was shattered by the attacks.

Home Secretary G.K. Pillai accused Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence of playing a key role.

The agency was "controlling and coordinating it" from beginning to end, Pillai said.

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Mumbai chaos

The 2008 Mumbai attacks killed 173 people and wounded 308.

▶ **The terror**
In three days in November, there were more than 10 shooting and bombing attacks across India's largest city.

▶ **The hostages**
At the Taj Mahal hotel, firefighters rescued 200 hostages from windows using ladders.

Paris. Bastille Day

▶ French Air Force jets fly above the Arc de Triomphe.

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Splendour in the sky

African soldiers from countries in France's former colonial empire marched in the Bastille Day parade in Paris yesterday. President Nicolas Sarkozy rode down the Champs Élysées in a military vehicle.

The next witness is ... Jean Charest

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Quebec Premier Jean Charest went to court yesterday — to serve as a witness.

He came to testify in his $700,000 defamation case against Marc Bellemare, a former member of his cabinet.

Charest sued him for suggesting political cronyism influenced political appointments in the province. THE CANADIAN PRESS

"Mr. Bellemare has the right to invite me to come and answer questions."
JEAN CHAREST

Newspaper drops print editions

The Jornal do Brasil newspaper says it will end its print editions in September after 119 years.

The Rio de Janeiro daily says it will continue to offer its content online to paid subscribers.

$5 That's the amount subscribers will have to pay each month for the Jornal do Brasil's online edition.

The newspaper did not say why it made the decision, but other local dailies have been facing financial difficulties and are struggling with low circulation.

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Big bank faces a class action

Judge allows fraudster's victims to sue Royal Bank for $40 million ◐ Earl Jones was jailed for 11 years

A Quebec judge has given the go-ahead to victims of Ponzi schemer Earl Jones to proceed with a class action lawsuit against the Royal Bank of Canada.

Superior Court Justice Robert Mongeon gave the green light in a Montreal courtroom yesterday.

Former clients of the financial adviser allege in the $40 million suit that a Montreal-area branch of the RBC bank was aware of irregularities in the Earl Jones account but did nothing.

The decision came as welcome news to the Earl Jones Victims Organizing Committee, a group that has been fighting on behalf of the 158 fraud victims, many of them elderly.

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▶ Earl Jones

"Whatever time these things typically take, because of the particular age and circumstances around this fraud, the judge wants to move it along as quickly as possible," said Kevin Curran, whose mother was bilked out of her savings.

Jones pleaded guilty last January to two charges related to defrauding investors of about $50 million.

He was sentenced to 11 years in jail.

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After two-year wait, navy will get new ships

Bidding process had been delayed Ships will patrol North, support operations abroad

Ottawa has restarted a plan to purchase two new joint support ships for Canada's navy after previous efforts to do so collapsed.

At a news conference yesterday in Halifax, Defence Minister Peter MacKay announced the $2.6-billion plan to get the new vessels was back on track.

"These ships will allow our navy to deploy for longer periods of time, a critical asset to operations in the North," MacKay said.

"Abroad they will support our deployed ships so that they may continue to lead international task forces and operate alongside our allies."

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▶ Peter MacKay

MacKay said the ships would also boost the navy's ability to respond to disasters and humanitarian missions, such as the one in Haiti after a devastating earthquake six months ago.

The federal government's earlier attempt to acquire the ships was terminated two years ago. MacKay said the bids for that procurement process were non-compliant.

The ships will be built in a Canadian shipyard after a bidding process, MacKay said.

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Tea Party. Billboard

▶ This billboard in Iowa was put up by the North Iowa Tea Party.

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Controversial billboard removed

A billboard in Mason City, Iowa comparing U.S. President Barack Obama to Adolf Hitler and Vladimir Lenin has been removed. The billboard was ordered and paid for by the North Iowa Tea Party. The general manager of the company that owns the billboard says a Tea Party representative called Tuesday night and asked that it be taken down.

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N. Ireland rioting blamed on boredom

Priest calls it 'recreational rioting' Former IRA leaders try to stop youths throwing rocks, bottles

Political and religious leaders pleaded Wednesday for Catholic teenagers and children engaged in Belfast rioting to stop before one of them is killed and becomes a martyr for Irish Republican Army dissidents.

Their appeals follow three nights of street mayhem in working-class Catholic parts of Belfast that one priest described as "a Disney theme park for rioting."

Heavily armoured officers have responded with water cannons and volleys of blunt-nosed plastic bullets capable of cracking ribs and skulls.

"Sadly, those in the front line of public disorder appear to be mostly young people from disadvantaged areas looking to break the boredom of a long and inactive summer," said Irish Foreign Minister Micheal Martin.

A Catholic priest who works in Ardoyne, a traditional IRA power base at the centre of this week's trouble, said local youths want to attack the police regardless of any Orange provocations because they consider it fun.

"Recreational rioting is the term," said the Rev. Gary Donegan, a 46-year-old priest who has spent the past two nights trying to disarm youths and get them out of the streets.

He said Ardoyne authority figures — among them IRA veterans once involved in directing, not stopping, riots — tried all night to take rocks, bottles and stones out of children's hands, but the kids wouldn't listen.

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83 The number of police officers injured, none critically. No serious injuries among rioters have been reported, although injured rioters often avoid hospitalization because they face likely arrest.

Annual violence

The violence began Sunday night before mass Protestant parades by the Orange Order brotherhood, an annual event that always inflames sectarian tensions between the British Protestant majority and Irish Catholic minority.

Widespread The violence spread to several Catholic parts of Belfast, the second-largest city of Londonderry and the towns of Armagh and Lurgan.

AP PHOTO/LIAM MC BURNEY

▶ Police respond with water cannons against rioters in North Belfast yesterday.

China locks villages

The government calls it "sealed management." China's capital has started gating and locking some of its lower-income neighbourhoods overnight, with police checking identification papers around the clock, in a throwback to an older style of control.

It's Beijing's latest effort to reduce rising crime often blamed on the millions of rural Chinese migrating to cities for work.

So far, gates have sealed off 16 villages in the sprawling southern suburbs, where migrants are attracted to cheaper rents.

The gated villages are the latest indignity for China's migrants, who already face limited access to schooling and government services. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ Gated neighbourhood.

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Double-dip recession still a long shot

Economic growth slowing ◗ Think-tank sees long period of slowdown ◗ Rates still expected to go up

The Canadian economy's rocket-like recovery is burning out, falling back into a prolonged period of more modest growth and job creation, a new forecast from the Conference Board predicts.

After annualized growth rates of 4.9 per cent and 6.1 per cent in the last three months of 2009 and first three of 2010, the economy is expected to slow significantly in the second half of this year and into 2011.

"It's not a double-dip recession, it's growth not as strong as in the past," says economist Pedro Antunes, director of forecasting for the Conference Board.

2.9%

The Conference Board says growth will slow to 3.6 per cent when the second quarter results are in, then to 3.3 per cent in the third quarter and finally to 2.9 per cent in the final quarter of 2010.

For the year, the think-tank expects growth to average 3.6 per cent in 2010 and 2.9 per cent in 2011.

Many expect the Bank of Canada to temper its own expectations about the Canadian economy next week, but not so much to dissuade governor Mark Carney from taking interest rates up a quarter-point to 0.75 per cent.

The Conference Board says Canadians should also expect job creation to slow, although it believes the unemployment rate will continue to decline if more slowly from the current 7.9 per cent to 7.8 per cent by the end of 2010.

The pace of recovery so far has surprised many — first quarter growth was the strongest in a decade — and while it has not taken economic activity all the way back to pre-slump levels, it improved the lot of many.

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Yamaha. E-scooter

▶ Yamaha Motor Co. president and CEO Hiroyuki Yanagi unveils the EC-03 electric scooter in Tokyo yesterday.

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Yamaha taking e-route

The $2,700 US "smart minimal commuter" with a 25-kilometre range on a single charge is zero-emission and super-quiet, making it convenient for late-night city driving, according to Yamaha.

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

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– 52.68 (11,620.16)	– 0.04¢ (96.70¢ US)

Oil	Natural gas 1,000 cu ft
– 11¢ US ($77.04 US)	$4.306 (– 4.8¢)

Gold contracts $1,206.80 (– $6.50)

News in brief

BA, Iberia merger OK'd

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Sound fiscal policies give country an advantage over competitors Reliance on U.S. market poses a risk

Canada's economic strength over many other developed countries has increased its popularity with foreign investors, according to a new report.

CIBC World Markets says that a growing list of "strategic advantages" are generating interest in Canada and boosting its presence in global portfolios.

"Canada is increasingly on the lips and minds of international investors," says CIBC government strategist Warren Lovely.

The report released yesterday says Canada hasn't been forced to take as many drastic measures to stabilize its debt ratios. Provincial governments have not faced the same financial constraints that have burdened many U.S. states, and the report said both federal and provincial revenues are "brightening materially."

"Indeed, it's hard to recall a time when the country possessed such relative, if not absolute, strength."
WARREN LOVELY, CIBC GOVERNMENT STRATEGIST

The report said that years of fiscal outperformance and surpluses have enabled Canada to slash corporate tax rates and make other tax reforms that give it an advantage over other jurisdictions.

However, Canada could face hurdles that would add pressure to a continued outperformance, Lovely said. He pointed to the potential pressure Canada could face because of its reliance on the United States, historically the market for three-quarters of exports.

Other risks include continued strength of the loonie, which make exports of Canadian goods less competitive, an overheated housing market and highly indebted household sector, the report said.

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I FEEL LIKE I'M DATING BIG BROTHER

He says ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE

I was chatting on a dating site with a friend I know from "real life." I was looking for short-term tryst(s), she wanted a girl to sleep with. "I feel like I'm shopping for humans," she wrote. And so we were.

Finding a mate online is like ordering pizza. Thin or thick? Chicago- or New York-style? Maybe a little Greek? Hold the anchovies, of course. But maybe, just for tonight, something extra saucy.

The dating landscape has changed since the previous time I was single, which was seven years ago. Specifically, it's been digitized.

I put girls in my online shopping cart and they do the same to me.

People were using their computers to date seven years ago, but it still had an underlying connotation of shame about it, especially because you had to pay for it. Now it's shameless, many sites are free, and no photo set is complete without cleavage or abs. The rack or the six-pack. Aisle 3.

"Technology has made dating less fun because all the real opportunities for disaster are gone."

Technology has made dating less fun because all the real opportunities for disaster are gone. What if you had nothing to talk about? What if you were a sexual freak and they were a Jesus freak? What if they were cute until they opened their mouths?

This made it more satisfying when you found a connection.

Now all that's figured out for you. On any given "blind" date I know my counterpart's looks, expectations, education, job, income, drinking and drug habits, religious beliefs, astrological sign, and their thoughts on kids, pets, the free-market system and whether they prefer The Simpsons or Family Guy.

Then you meet, with no discovery possible, to see if you have that "spark" — specifically, making sure they haven't gotten fat since their photos were taken.

The medium is the message. You are no more than your composite parts.

Yet I keep online dating because, hey, a bad meal is better than no meal, right? Who doesn't like pizza?

There's no going back to the old ways, even if sometimes we come close: I met recently with a woman I graduated high school with. We had an old-fashioned date, with flirting and fear, and a lifetime of "remember when" to draw upon.

I contacted her through Facebook. I'm a man of the times.

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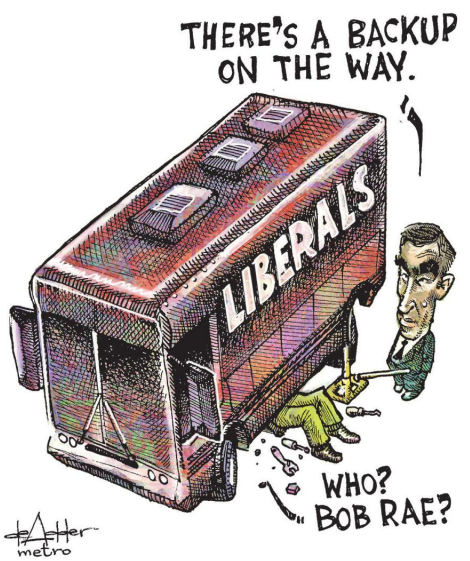

Not ready for King Harper

Letters & Tweets

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Yes, Prince Charles seems a rather eccentric and odd fellow, but who wouldn't be, when his sole purpose is to wait to serve.

Her Majesty is "a much-loved personage" worldwide, and therefore a very tough act to follow, on the world's stage.

The task before the Prince of Wales is daunting!

However, given the choice between Stephen Harper as President of a New Republic — and de facto "King" — I'll stick with the monarchy, albeit a constitutional monarchy.

Stephen Harper's rule, as I see it, is one of complete and utter disregard for the House of Commons — Canada's law-making body — and our 143-year-old Westminster parliament.

Harper is out of control.

His unprincipled rule, as prime minister, shows to me that he is not fit to govern Canada with a majority.

WILLIAM ARCHIE BALDWIN

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U.S. votes to keep Avandia on market

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▶ The Green Hornet, starring Canadian actor Seth Rogen (right) and Jay Chou, will be one of the highlights at next week's Comic-Con.

Nerdy Comic-Con now A-list hot spot

San Diego's pop-culture party sets the buzz around upcoming films and TV shows ◐ Brangelina expected to show up at next week's event

Tron, Harry Potter, The Green Hornet, and Brangelina?

This year's Comic-Con has something for everyone, and might even be graced by Hollywood's first couple.

No longer strictly the domain of nerds and fanboys, San Diego's four-day pop-culture festival promises film and TV fodder for fans of all kinds, plus video games, toys, collectibles and costumes galore when it kicks off next week.

"I can't wait," says filmmaker Kevin Smith, an annual regular considered royalty at the convention.

"Comic-Con for me is — Muslims like to go to kneel, what is it, three times a day toward Mecca and whatnot. I do the same thing for San Diego and that massive building"

"Comic-Con is all about these shows connecting with the kids who are going to go back home and tell everyone."
TODD GOLD, FANCAST.COM

What began 40 years ago as a humble comic-book fair has grown into a barometer of cool powered by the ardent enthusiasm of more than 100,000 fans — and the Hollywood studios who want a piece of the action.

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie aren't officially on the guest list, and studio reps are staying mum about whether they'll attend.

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HBO banking on Hoffman's Luck

Dustin Hoffman is coming to TV and HBO is lucky enough to have landed him.

HBO says that Hoffman will star in Luck, a new drama series about the horse racing world and the owners, gamblers and jockeys who are part of it.

Other cast members include Dennis Farina, Nick Nolte and Hall of Fame rider Gary Stevens, who appeared in the film Seabiscuit.

HBO said Wednesday that the series will begin shooting this fall in Los Angeles, with locations including the Santa Anita Park racetrack.

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▶ Chiwetel Ejiofor stars in the upcoming film Salt.

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Chiwetel Ejiofor has quietly built a genre-defying resume any actor would envy.

With a background in theater, he's easily jumped from small productions (Kinky Boots) to big (2012), serious films (Children of Men) to more lighthearted fare (Love Actually).

In Salt, Ejiofor takes on the role of a counter-intelligence pro hot on the trail of Angelina Jolie's suspected spy.

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Movie-musical looking to Score

The light-hearted coming-of-age tale Score: A Hockey Musical will open the upcoming Toronto International Film Festival, a marked departure from the typically serious and issue-oriented features that have launched the fest in the past.

Festival directors Piers Handling and Cameron Bailey announced the pick Wednesday at the Hockey Hall of Fame, where they wore white jerseys and were flanked by hockey sticks propped up against a stand.

"Launching the festival with a comedy, something that was about hockey during the Olympic year, it was just kind of a match made in heaven," Handling said later to reporters, referring to gold medal Olympics wins in men's and women's hockey in Vancouver.

"It's just so well acted, it's so light, it's so self-deprecating and doesn't take itself seriously. It's extremely Canadian."

Score: A Hockey Musical stars newcomer Noah Reid as a sheltered 17-year-old hockey phenom who achieves instant stardom when he joins a hockey league.

Olivia Newton-John and singer/songwriter Marc Jordan play the boy's overprotective parents, while there are cameos from singer Nelly Furtado, talk show host George Stroumboulopoulos, hockey dad Walter Gretzky and former NHL star Theo Fleury.

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▶ Olivia Newton-John

Superman suffers from geographic kryptonite

One of America's most enduring superheroes has begun a cross-country trek in Philadelphia.

In the pages of DC Comics' latest issue of Superman, which hit stands yesterday, the Man of Steel embarks on a yearlong journey on foot from the City of Brotherly Love.

For all his powers, though, he still needs a lesson in geography.

The 500 block of South 48th Street is described as the city's South Side.

It's actually the University City section of west Philadelphia.

The flub has generated some good-natured ribbing from locals, and DC Comics co-publisher Dan DiDio says that's OK as it means the area just has a sense of civic pride.

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y one thing and there's no subtext people can come out feeling like they've they didn't really connect to anything. This actor is seeking to change that.

Metro caught up with the British actor in Washington, D.C., where much of the current movie was filmed.

Have you always been a fan of this genre?
Definitely, yeah.It breaks into sort of two categories for me: I like the old-school kind of spy stuff, the John Le Carré spy stuff. But I also really enjoy the "Mission:Impossible" spies — the series as well as the films — just because of the intricacy of how everything's done, the detail of having to go back and figure out everything, and the scripts just being like little puzzles.

What stood out about Salt as a spy thriller for you?
This is taking on a kind of slightly more bureaucratic sense of the CIA, to me a kind of grounded sense of the CIA.

As opposed to the sort of — I mean, obviously, who doesn't love the Bond series? But it's different. They're people and they do a job and they're in offices with ties, and they're just sort of getting through the day. And occasionally — like on this particular occasion — something big happens and they have to respond to that. But for the most part they're just kind of ticking away, looking at data.

"Well I certainly wouldn't rule it out. I don't know what the situation is with Bond at the moment, but God I hope they can figure it out. It would be lovely to be in a Bond film."
CHIWETEL EJIOFOR

Would you ever want to be in a Bond film?
Well I certainly wouldn't rule it out. I don't know what the situation is with Bond at the moment, but God I hope they can figure it out. It would be lovely to be in a Bond film.

You've had an incredibly diverse career. How much conscious effort do you put into trying to be in as many different genres as possible?
Well, not a lot, really.

I'm just very happy to work in any medium that I can and any genre that I can if I'm engaged with the material.

You know, I don't really have an oeuvre or a style of doing stuff. I have a working method, but I can apply that to different parts and different types of parts.

You and co-star Liev Schreiber have stage backgrounds. Did that help in working together?
Yeah, we were able to quote Shakespeare to each other back and forth (laughs) and do Lear a little bit. And Henry V. He's a good Henry five. (laughs) But no, he's a terrific actor, and a shared commonality in theater is always a fun place for us to come to chat and talk about stuff and get a sense of each other.

For such a big film, it's really just the three of you.
It's very interesting that it's essentially a three-hander but it feels like much more than that. And I think it's because these characters are carrying so much with them, you know? I think an audience can really follow everything, and they can follow the subtext even within the action. And I feel like that's actually quite satisfying for an audience.

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M.I.A. lost and found

M.I.A.
Album: /\/\/\Y/\
Label: XL
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Having achieved a proper hit in 2008 with Paper Planes, appearing on the Grammys nine months pregnant with Jay-Z, T.I. and Lil Wayne, and penning a song for Christina Aguilera, M.I.A. appeared ready for bona fide stardom.

Needless to say, expectations for her third album were lofty, but it appears M.I.A.'s motives were far from any of our expectations. This past April, she unveiled Born Free, a strident blast of Suicide-assisted punk whose video took the "red-headed stepchild" threat to a whole new level.

That track was a warning shot, because /\/\/\Y/\ is abrasive, polarizing and almost impossible to love. But it's not hard to like. While her first two albums, Arular and Kala, elected her as a global ambassador for genre-mashing, /\/\/\Y/\ deconstructs that objective in favour of jarring production and paranoid chatter. Case in point is the transition from the power drill and chainsaw grind of Steppin Up to XXXO's airy dance pop. As divisive as /\/\/\Y/\ is sure to be, Rusko's Story To Be Told and both Diplo's Tell Me Why keep some semblance to what we love about her. M.I.A. has always been an incensed freedom fighter, but on /\/\/\Y/\ she's lost the composed swagger that first made her endearing to us.

Outstanding track:
Tell Me Why

CAM LINDSAY

Great Big Sea

Album: Safe Upon the Shore
Label: Warner
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Whether you like their brand of celtic rock or not, you have to admit that Great Big Sea know how to write an infectious tune. On their latest — the 10th in 17 years — they team up with a interesting array of co-songwriters including Russell Crowe, Randy Bachman and Joel Plaskett. The result is a strong record of incredibly catchy songs (with two covers, Zeppelin's Gallow's Pole and Kink's Have a Cuppa Tea). The music isn't as over-the-top as its been the past — Don't Wanna Go Home is a catchy, rollicking folk number complete with horns; Yankee Sailor is a touching balled about the U.S.

Outstanding track:
Yankee Sailor

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI

Danger Mouse and Sparklehorse

Album: Dark Soul of the Night **Label:** EMI
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More than a year after its leak, the collaboration between Danger Mouse, David Lynch and the late Mark Linkous finally gets an official release. Without Lynch's photos, his role is relegated to a vocalist on two tracks, alongside The Flaming Lips' Wayne Coyne, The Strokes' Julian Casablancas and The Shins' James Mercer. While the project flounders a little thanks to Danger Mouse's hackneyed beats and an inconsistent rotating cast, Linkous' role instils a heartening gravitas. That this could possibly be the last Sparklehorse recording we hear makes it hard not to savour.

Outstanding track:
Daddy's Gone

CAM LINDSAY

Royal Canoe

Album: Co-op Mode
Label: Head in the Sand
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When The Waking Eyes put their band on hold, I was excited. Matt Peters and Rusty Matays are talented guys, but their band's major label releases never lived up to their potential. Peters is now in the infectious pop act Royal Canoe — already an improvement over his previous band. They cover a lot of ground here, moving from anthemic indie rock on Red House Row, electro beats on Me Loving Your Money to Beatles-like pop on Kasparov. It's all smart and engaging and the lush harmonies are excellent. The music isn't perfect, but with a few tweaks this could be Peg City's next big band.

Outstanding track:
Kasparov

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI

Enrique Iglesias

Album: Euphoria
Label: Universal
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Enrique Iglesias has never been a master musician, so it's no surprise that his new record is a wishy washy affair. As always there are some truly terrible moments, like Why Not Me, a nauseating, gut-wrenching ballad and the bland piano track Coming Home, which sees a sad Iglesias "taking a drink to hide the sorrow." But it's not all throwaways. The passionate, droney Heartbeat, which features Nicole Scherzinger, sounds like it was written by the Stars, while the reggae-ish One Day At a Time — a duet with Akon — is the catchiest track here.

Outstanding track:
Heartbeat

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI

Jewel takes her act undercover

Disguised singer astonishes audience at karaoke bar Belts out pitch-perfect renditions of hits

On a recent Monday night at a Los Angeles karaoke bar, a meek-looking woman in a business suit and glasses was coaxed on stage by her co-workers.

While the boozy crowd readied itself for four minutes of awkward singing, the woman — "Karen" — suddenly belted out exquisite, pitch-perfect renditions of the Jewel songs Who Will Save Your Soul and Foolish Games.

Astonished crowd members picked their jaws off the floor and cheered wildly. One person was heard comparing Karen to "an American Susan Boyle."

Unbeknownst to them, they had been victims of "undercover karaoke."

Karen really was Jewel, and the proceedings had been filmed by FunnyOrDie.com, the comedy video website co-founded by Will Ferrell and Adam McKay. The video was posted Tuesday and was rapidly circulating online, with more than 160,000 views as of evening.

"This did not require much, as the costume did most of the work for me." JEWEL

"I was a bit nervous to do this skit at first because I feared it would amount to little more than showing off some vocals, dressed as someone else," Jewel said. "I was worried it wouldn't be self-effacing enough."

For the video, created by Funny or Die writer-director Eric Appel, Jewel was given a prosthetic nose, wig and glasses, and butt padding. Only after performing did Jewel return to the stage of the karaoke joint, the Gas Lite, as herself.

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View the video of Jewel undercover at metronews.ca/scene

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▶ Jewel wears a disguise as she performs at a karaoke bar in a scene from a video posted on FunnyOrDie.com

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The Hills no longer alive

MTV series bids farewell after 102 episodes Show made stars out of Lauren Conrad, Heidi Montag

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▶ MTV's The Hills blurred the line between reality TV and soap opera.

The Hills, the landmark reality soap that cemented Lauren Conrad, Heidi Montag and their pals as tabloid superstarlets, died Tuesday at the Roosevelt Hotel in Hollywood. It was four.

The popular series' cause of death wasn't provided, but MTV president of programming Tony DiSanto previously called it "an organic culmination of this saga."

"I'm oddly devastated that it's come to an end," said Ben 'B-Side' Mandelker, who blogs about The Hills and its New York-set offspring The City on bsideblog.com. "My five-year goal was to appear as a sidekick on the show, ideally with a subtitle that defines me solely as the friend of someone else. Sadly, that dream never came to fruition."

After 102 installments, yet another dumb argument about whether or not The Hills is staged. I just tell people it's like professional wrestling: Don't take it so seriously, and enjoy the ride.''

"The legacy of The Hills is that it improved the visual language of reality TV."
BLOGGER ANDY DENHART

The Hills faded into the sunset Tuesday with a goodbye gala attended by the show's cast and a wink, wink twist ending in the final episode that had friends-with-benefits Kristin Cavallari and Brody Jenner seemingly saying goodbye in front of the Hollywood sign, then appearing in front of a backdrop on the Paramount Studios' lot.

"With The Hills off the air, I no longer have to field questions about the show's authenticity," said Mandelker. "I can think of about 10 different things I'd rather do than engage in

The club-hopping, music-pumping, cat-fighting, mascara-dripping, mouth-dropping, crystal-worshipping drama of The Hills debuted in 2006 as a spin-off of MTV's popular high school reality docudrama Laguna Beach: The Real Orange County. The series originally documented the journey of bubbly Laguna Beach graduate Conrad to Los Angeles.

Andy Dehnart, who has blogged about reality TV for more than 10 years at realitytblurred.com, said the series' lush cinematography and phoney authenticity left a lasting impression on the medium.

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TV watch list

Welcome to the hospital

MED DRAMAS On Jada Pinkett Smith's medical drama HawthoRNe, her nurse character operates on a woman and her little boy after a car accident (Global). For a peek into a real hospital, click to Boston Med, where a trauma surgeon works on a pregnant woman who was shot in the chest. (ABC)
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Rookie going undercover

COP DRAMA Earnest Andy goes undercover as a prostitute on Rookie Blue. If that wasn't enough to earn her stripes, she also infiltrates a high-stakes gun deal to save an informant whose life was put at risk by Dov. (Global)
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More threatening calls to Oksana

The callers were allegedly angry over the accusations leveled against Mel Gibson

For Oksana Grigorieva, threatening phone calls sadly seem to have become a part of her life.

In the aftermath of the release three phone calls from ex-boyfriend Mel Gibson she secretly recorded, the Russian singer received multiple threatening phone calls earlier this week that "scared her to death," according to TMZ.

Police are investigating, as at least one of the calls "could be interpreted as a death threat," a source says.

The callers were allegedly upset about Grigorieva's accusations about Gibson.

Gibson is currently under investigation by Los Angeles police amid allegations he was acted violently towards ex-girlfriend Oksana Grigorieva during what was a reported incident in January.

The investigation stems from a recording of Gibson allegedly using offensive racial language in an expletive-laden, recorded argument with his ex.

The former couple is also battling it out over visitation rights to their baby daughter, Lucia, following their split.

Gibson has yet to issue you comment on the investigation.

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▶ Might be time to change that phone number.

Talking points

Osbourne not concerned for LiLo jail time

BUT THEN EVERYONE LOOKS GOOD COMPARED TO OZZY. Sharon Osbourne isn't terribly concerned about Lindsay Lohan's future, and is urging the troubled starlet to keep her chin up.

"I would just tell her, 'The judge has made her decision. Take your time, don't waste the time, just learn,'" Osbourne said.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Rihanna talks to Chris Brown

WELL, THIS WILL END WELL Rihanna is reportedly back in contact with Chris Brown, the ex-boyfriend who was convicted of assaulting her last year.

Celebrity tweets

Mariah Carey [@Mariah-Carey] Just now hairstylist(who shall remain nameless) abused me w/a curling iron whil trying to curl and dancing to my new song..ow. Now he's all trying to put toothpaste on it and swears its a home remedy,I'm like "Stop crying,you're NOT fired "lol

Lindsay Lohan [@lindsaylohan] Joan Rivers and her "stargument" make me believe that she and Michael Lohan are a match made in heaven....

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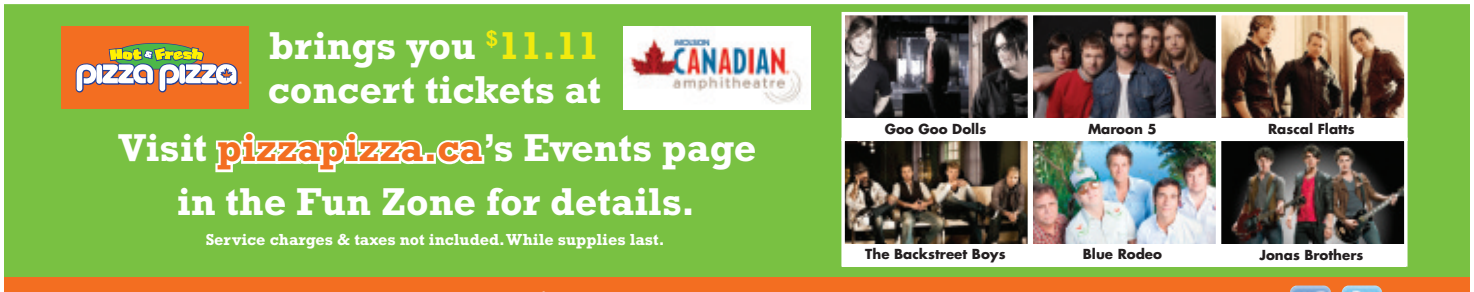

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Golden Globe winning actress teams with Opening Ceremony

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▶ Chloe Sevigny's new collection for Opening Ceremony features five dress styles and patterns. The shoes are a partnership with NaNa (see sidebar below).

Chloe's Clothes for real girls

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Last month, Chloe Sevigny debuted her collection with Opening Ceremony in New York. Instead of models, Sevigny's artsy friends wore the line, which centers around five different styles of dresses in five prints.

"I love high fashion, but I can't even look at a magazine without having an anxiety attack because we all have issues with our bodies," explains Sevigny. "So for me it's really important to show the clothes on regular girls, or on myself, 'cause I'm a 35-year-old woman. I'm not 110 pounds."

Why did you pick these prints and silhouettes?

I was thinking about how girls buy the same thing over and over again. I do, all of my friends do, so I thought if you find one silhouette you like, you keep buying that dress.

Your collaboration with O.C. is so successful — ever think about doing just a Chloe Sevigny line?

No, that seems really complicated. I've got it pretty easy right now; we get along really well. If I did a J. Lo or Sarah Jessica Parker — not that I'm knocking them, I'm sure they make a gazillion dollars, and good for them — but I don't think that I have enough brand recognition that I could go that big.

What are you coveting right now?

I'm trying to find a new pair of jeans, which I know is the ultimate quest for every woman. My ideal jean would be the Levi's that Susan Sarandon and Geena Davis wore in Thelma & Louise. (Those) Levi's makes every ass look really great. I want the Thelma & Louise ass!

Kickin' it old school

Sevigny on teaming up with '90s shoe brand NaNa:

"For the past year I've been really into the whole fierce bitch look — a lot of leather and sky-high shoes. I thought, 'Well, the dresses are all kind of girly, how can we turn these looks into a fierce bitch?' And one of the boys who works at O.C. was like, 'sky-high, baby!' So we made the shoes really high, but with sturdy heels."

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News in brief

Stella McCartney will design the outfits worn by British athletes at the 2012 London Olympics.
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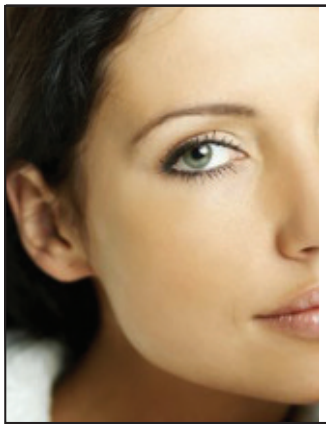

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On the street

Denim shorts

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▶ New York

Floral designs

RICHARD PECKETT

▶ London

Graphic prints

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▶ Milan

Up and down

Caroline Sieber
Lagerfeld's sometime muse and London based stylist looked fabulous at the Chanel Couture yesterday. Everything from the tousled hair, to the Louboutin's demonstrate a master class in sophisticated French style.

Alice Dellal
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Finally men are discovering what women have known for centuries, and that is: a) bags are practical; and b) they're a very stylish accessory — the latter being the more important of course. And here they are, the man bag in all its forms, from slouchy chic to the shoulder bag.

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It's all in the right fit

With so many choices, finding the perfect pair of sunglasses can be a challenge

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▶ Actress Kim Cattrall loves Jackie O sunglasses.

From their early origins as a means of concealing eye expressions in Chinese courts, sunglasses have become the ultimate fashion accessory.

According to eye care experts at IRIS The Visual Group, the best choice depends on factors like lifestyle, face shape and overall eye health.

Taking inspiration from its newest model and style icon, Kim Cattrall, IRIS offers the following sunglass shopping checklist:

Consider your lifestyle: Do you need sunglasses for function or fashion?

Frames made of light weight materials like titanium and polycarbonate are great for everyday use. People who spend time on the water will benefit from polarized lenses to reduce glare, while avid golfers, trail runners and mountain bikers should consider photochromic lenses instead, as they darken in response t o light intensity.

Test the fit: When it comes to sunglasses, one size definitely does not fit all, so try on different pairs befor e buying.

"Fit is very important — how sunglasses feel on the nose and in the back of the ears," says Cattrall.

"I might really love the look of them, but I won't wear them as much if the fit isn't there."

Ask about UV protection: Exposure to UV rays increases the risk of macular degeneration and cataracts, as well as cancers and growths on the eye and eyelids.

Look for sunglasses that offer a UV protection rate of 100 per cent.

Look for variety: If you plan to be at the beach or in a boat, look for sunglasses that wrap all the way around the temples to block all light coming in, among other things.

Cattrall says, "I love the big Jackie O sunglasses.

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Far from being dreary and dull, grey can bring a space to life by avoiding the doldrums of overdone colours The Aricella model home takes this advice to heart with its striking use of the normally dull shade

▶ King County Estates' Aricella model home — located in Nobleton — does not shy away from using grey.

Aricella turns grey into a dynamic colour

SUITE TALK

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Liberal use of grey permeates the Aricella model home at King Country Estates in Nobleton and the results speak for themselves in a space that oozes old-world elegance mixed with modern charm.

CountryWide Homes design studio manager Kelly Harvey took inspiration from 1920s grandeur and mixed in soulful grey tones to steer the suite to a more modern outlook.

"The design was a contemporary take on art-deco design. I also wanted to blend genres together — the furniture is traditional but what updates it is the crisp greys and polished chrome details so the finish is modern but the style is traditional," Harvey said.

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KELLY HARVEY

Rich espresso finishes on furniture and other details work with reflective surfaces to create a harmonious look that shows off the subtle power of grey to soothe and inspire while staying current.

"A lot of homebuilders use that 'builders' beige' tone so I wanted to show people how putting grey in here can make the space restful and elegant. By introducing fresh grey, it makes the colour palette more modern," Harvey said.

In the living room, which features a 22-foot high ceiling, Harvey juxtaposed light and dark to create a calming effect that made the space feel inviting despite its size.

"The living room was a real challenge because of its size. You almost feel dwarfed in it so I painted the back wall a dark navy blue colour and added mirrors to really help break up the look. With a wall colour so dark I wanted to make sure we still had things that reflect light in the space," Harvey said.

The lowdown

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HOMES IN STYLE

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Get ready for some flower power

Infuse a dose of summer into your home by decorating with the fresh and colourful motif of the outdoors.

Using floral prints can be intimidating for some but coordinating floral accessories with existing colour schemes can add a breath of fresh summer air to a space.

"Florals add colour, they add a very fresh summery vibe to any room," says Jackie Glass of Jacqueline Glass & Associates, an interior design company based in Mississauga. "Adding a beautiful flower pillow can definitely warm up a space. It's really the same as a beautiful piece of artwork."

Choose a coordinating solid colour by matching it to the background colour of the floral print. Or pair different prints by matching the background colours of each piece — just remember not to overuse these patterns.

"In any room you want curvilinear and rectilinear shapes. Lines and curves in a room create balance from a design perspective. (Florals) soften a more austere interior. Adding a little bit of curve, say in a floral pillow, adds balance … and the room works."

Decorating with florals does add a certain touch of femininity, that might be too much for some.

"A lot of women say my husband doesn't want florals. It's a pretty look. I don't think a guy is going to buy a floral pillow."

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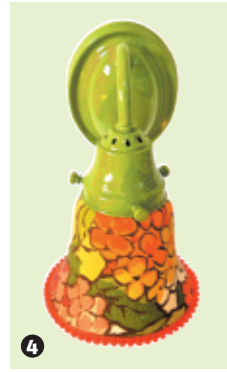
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Normally, when your lawyer acts for a bank with your mortgage, you do not have to obtain independent legal advice but due to the fact that private mortgages are usually at a higher rate of interest and are often second mortgages, the Law Society of Upper Canada felt that they needed special consideration. Any private mortgage over $50,000.00 requires you to obtain the advice of an independent solicitor who will give you information with respect to the potential mortgage so that you are very clear of matters such as the specific interest rate, the term of the mortgage and whether it is closed or open.

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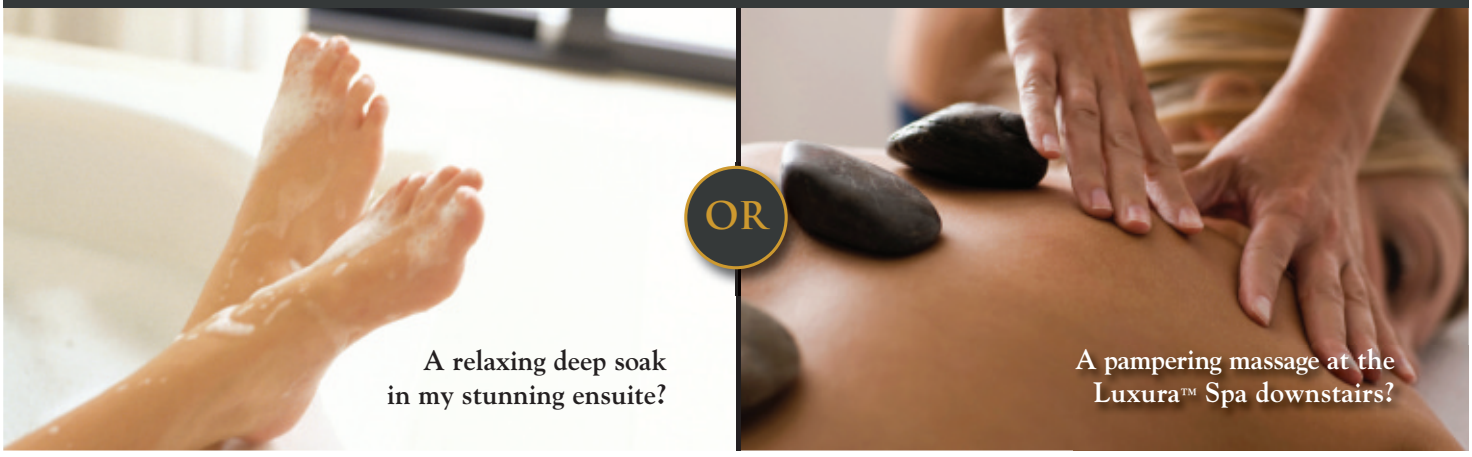

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Many of us don't think of our backyard, terrace or balcony as an extension of our living space. Turning your outdoor space into another usable room such as a lounge or dining area is a great way to gain more living space during the warm weather. By following the same decorating rules for your outside room as you would the inside of your home you'll gain a great amount of extra summer living space. Here's a few pointers:

Create comforts: Choose furniture styles that would be just as comfy inside the house as out. Chairs, sofas and loungers with removable cushions tend to be comfortable than ones with wicker, resin or wrought iron seats. Use fabrics that are made specifically for outdoor use.

Add lighting: Every room needs a minimum of three types of lighting; overall, task and ambient. Overall lighting for outdoors could be wall hung lanterns or a hanging outdoor pendant light. Task lighting would be an outdoor lamp for reading or lighting up a games table and Ambient lighting simply sets a romantic tone; rope light hidden behind a fence, citronella tea lights or candled lanterns are all simple options.

Add some white noise: If you live in close proximity to neighbours, traffic or city life, then you will want to add some noise control. A trickling fountain or waterfall will help to subtly drown out neighborhood noises; all-weather cordless speakers will help to create some great background sounds.

Create privacy: Use draperies (made of outdoor fabric) to close off the sides of a porch or terrace and adding an awning overhead will enclose your outdoor room to making it feel intimate, cosy and private.

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▶ If you need some backyard inspiration try some decorative accents (that add whitenoise) or pillows (that are made of outdoor fabric), top left and middle-left, bring some music outside with outdoor speakers, top middle-right, or go all out and make yourself a draped gazebo (which adds privacy), top right.

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Rooftop Surfing

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According to a recent TD Canada Trust Home Buyers Report, if two homes were at the same price point, three-quarters of first time home buyers would prefer a newer home over an older home.

Just as these first-time homebuyers have an overwhelming preference for newly built homes, they are equally pre-disposed to low-rise living with only 18 per cent citing a preference for a high-rise condo.

As first-time buyers, chances are that a lot more than 18 per cent will start out with a condominium suite as their first home, based not only on relative affordability but also on the fact that fifty-seven per cent of respondents said they would prefer a smaller home closer to work than a larger home with a longer commute.

I think first-time buyers can have their cake and eat it too because when it comes to condominium design, as the largest condo market in North America, by far, Toronto has the best building and interior designers who know how to maximize space and create affordable suites without compromising on the finishes.

The beauty of buying a new condo suite is that you get to pinpoint your location . In all likelihood, you will have more than a few choices of builders, which means you have the added value of picking the building design that most appeals to you. Finally, and this is where the fun really begins, you have the choice of floor, view and specific suite design.

After you've made those choices, you also get to pick the finishes and fixtures that will ultimately be installed in your suite. There's nothing better than knowing that when you turn that key, you're turning it for the first time, opening the door to a brand new lifestyle, which is why I always say buy new.

Enjoy the wonders of wood at home

Wood can add natural warmth and character to any room in the house, say designers

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▶ Reclaimed wood can have a big impact on a room.

Reclaimed wood sprouting up

People are embracing reclaimed wood and giving it new life, designer Vern Yip says.

"We realize it's not an infinite resource we can just keep exploiting," he says. "It's a natural extension of the green movement, colliding with the fact that we're repurposing a lot of things these days."

And wood adds character to a room, the designers say. Old doors, shutters, crates and barns are being repurposed into furniture and floor or wall coverings. "It's that soul you can't buy off the showroom floor," Gorder explains.

Salvaged wood is refreshingly low-maintenance because scratches only add to its charm.

"I have two young children under the age of six," designer Candice Olson says. "So weathered finishes, they really speak to me."

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▶ Arranging chopped wood on a wall can be a striking display.

What's old — centuries old, even — is suddenly new again in home design. Wood, that ancient staple of interior decorating, has been getting fresh attention in every room of the house.

Designers are mixing salvaged barn doors with new synthetic flooring that looks strikingly like the real thing. At the same time, faux wood-grain wallpaper and upholstery offer a nod to nature without hiding their artificiality.

We asked Designer and HGTV host Genevieve Gorder along with fellow designers Candice Olson and Vern Yip, for some ideas of design and decor with wood:

Lumber and logs

Years ago, Olson saw an entire wall of stacked wood in a building in Europe. The image stuck with the Canadian designer. She eventually created her own variations, arranging chopped logs from fallen trees within frames that are 15 centimetres deep.

Wood walls and ceilings

Several years back, Yip drew praise for designing a room with one wall covered in planks. "Anytime you have an entire wall of one material, it's so striking," he says. It caught on. Wood flooring is now being used to cover walls and ceilings.

Wood-grain upholstery

If you are going with an impostor, these designers say go all the way. They love the cheerful fakery of wall coverings and upholstery with wood-grain patterns.

"You know a chair isn't upholstered in wood, so it turns playful," Gorder says.

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To fake or not

Given a choice between real wood and a facsimile, these designers prefer the real thing. Nothing quite replaces a true wood floor.

But laminates and synthetics can help make a huge visual change on a relatively small budget, Gorder says.

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Lala Bistro, comfort food that's not too heavy

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▶ Potato Pancakes ($7.75)

Roncesvalles a great spot for Polish cuisine ◐ Don't forget the dumplings

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Roncesvalles is finally free of construction, so heading out to one of their many restaurants is a pleasure.

Polish food is a must in this neighbourhood, so we duck into Lala Bistro, which is a hub of excitement due to the FIFA semi-finals playing loudly on the big screens.

You might think that dishes such as cabbage rolls are too heavy for a day like today, but lucky for us, the food is surprisingly light.

Potato Pancakes ($7.75) are accompanied by fresh coleslaw and slightly sweet beet salad. The three pancakes are rich, crisp and huge — more the size of a steak than pancake. And Dumplings ($8.25) stuffed with meat (pork) are like dim-sum, but lighter. Smothered in sour cream and topped with crispy onions, they are as suitable in summer as in winter.

Maybe you've decided to eat salads all summer, but I think this is much more fun.

Lala Bistro
145 Roncesvalles Ave.
416-516-2577
Rating: 4 out of 5
Hours of Operation: 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day
Time In: 1:43 p.m.
Time Out: 2:49 p.m.
Low $: Apple Square $2.26
High $: Farmer's Platter for Two $38.25

Strawberry-Cucumber Salad

▶ Light and refreshing strawberry summer salad can be side or main dish

Yields 4
Cooking: 3-5 min.

Ingredients :

- 75 ml (1/3 cup) slivered almonds
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) seedless strawberry preserves or jam
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 10 ml (2 tsp) balsamic vinegar
- 5 ml (1 tsp) Dijon mustard
- 750 ml (3 cups) diced English cucumber
- 250 ml (1 cup) sliced fresh strawberries
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped fresh mint
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- Lettuce leaves for serving, such as bibb, romaine or red leaf lettuce

Preparation:

1. Place almonds in a small, dry skillet and set pan over medium heat. Cook for 3 to 5 minutes until almonds are golden brown, shaking the pan frequently to prevent burning. Set aside.
2. In a medium bowl, whisk together preserves, olive oil, balsamic vinegar and Dijon mustard. Add cucumber, strawberries, mint and toasted almonds and toss to combine. Season with salt and black pepper. Serve inside lettuce leaves or over chopped lettuce.

Capturing the taste of the Niagara region

Toronto chef's book focuses on cooking with local ingredients ◐ Recipes centred around the four seasons

When Tony de Luca attended chef school in Toronto, he already had several years of experience in the kitchen — begun at the age of 12 — and had mastered many technical culinary skills.

That's because his mother had him working in her Italian restaurant which she and de Luca's father opened after emigrating to Canada from Italy in 1970.

"My mom's high-end restaurant named L'Altro, which means 'the other world,' was really the first of its kind of that calibre in Oak Ridges, north of Toronto," he says. "So it was sort of a novelty and people would line up to get in."

In 1987, the young chef went to work at Toronto's prestigious Windsor Arms followed by stints at Langdon Hall in Cambridge, Ont., and Millcroft Inn in Alton, Ont.

In 1996, de Luca jumped at the chance to be hired as executive chef of the Hillebrand Winery Restaurant in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Smitten with the world-famous wine region, he decided to stay there and open his first eatery, the Old Winery Restaurant, and more recently De Luca's Wine Country Restaurant, both in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

"My favourite season is late summer into late October," he says. "It is just overwhelming as we are falling over ourselves to use the fresh produce and the farmers markets are heaving with the bounty."

Now considered one of the architects of Niagara wine-country cuisine, de Luca has put out a new book. Simply in Season: 12 Months of Wine Country Cooking.

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4 sports

British Open: Bring an umbrella

Rain and wind played havoc with the conditions yesterday on the eve of the British Open at the Old Course.

The hard rain and cold wind led the Royal and Ancient to cancel its Champions Challenge, a four-hole exhibition with past Open champions like Lee Trevino, Gary Player, Arnold Palmer and Ben Curtis.

"I was on the range this morning and it's just brutal out there," Nick Faldo said. "It wouldn't have been entertaining for anybody."

The weather will likely be as much of a factor as Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson or any of the players today when the 139th version of golf's oldest championship gets under way at St. Andrews.

"The forecast for the championship is changeable — blustery, showery conditions," Royal and Ancient chief executive Peter Dawson said. "Pretty good for links golf."

The last time the Open came to St. Andrews, there was only one round of a stiff breeze and Woods won by five shots at 14-under 274. Ten years ago on a sunbaked links, Woods set a major championship record at 19-under 269 for an eight-shot win in perfect weather.

Mike Weir is the lone Canadian entered. He tees off with Darren Clarke and Davis Love III.

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▶ Spectators watch a practice round yesterday.

Sports in brief

1 France striker Thierry Henry has joined the New York Red Bulls in a multi-year deal.

2 David Beckham wants to play soccer for Britain at the London 2012 Olympics.

3 Lionel Messi said he'd enjoy playing with Cesc Fabregas, who's being pursued by Messi's club, Barcelona.

Beer-cup snakes could be in danger. Scan code for more.

Jays buy low, sell high with shortstops

- Escobar coming to Toronto as Gonzalez traded to Braves
- Three prospects also moved

The Toronto Blue Jays' acquisition of Yunel Escobar from the Atlanta Braves for fellow shortstop Alex Gonzalez in a five-player swap yesterday appears to be a classic case of buying low and selling high.

Escobar is a wildly talented 27-year-old who appears to have fallen out of favour with the National League East leaders amid a down season. Gonzalez, on the other hand, is a 33-year-old veteran who is performing well above his career norms and was unlucky to not be named an all-star.

So Blue Jays general manager Alex Anthopoulos was able to parlay the immediate impact Gonzalez can make on a roster into a young player with huge potential upside that he'll have contractual control of through at least the 2013 season.

Numbers

- The six-foot-two, 200-pound Escobar has slipped dramatically from his brilliant 2009, when he batted .299 with 26 doubles, 14 home runs, 76 RBI and a .377 on-base percentage.
- This year he has slumped to a .238 average with 12 doubles and no homers in 75 games, something the Blue Jays are comfortable with. They feel he can return to his 2009 form.

The three prospects in the deal — Toronto gets left-hander Jo-Jo Reyes, who was optioned to double-A New Hampshire; Atlanta gets phenom lefty reliever Tim Collins and speedy infielder Tyler Pastornicky — may still swing the trade's final tally toward either team. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Yunel Escobar, 27, was traded to the Blue Jays yesterday.

Raps complete Turkoglu deal

The Toronto Raptors have begun their remake in the wake of Chris Bosh's departure, shipping disgruntled Turkish forward Hedo Turkoglu to Phoenix.

In exchange, Toronto gets guard Leandro Barbosa and forward-centre Dwayne Jones.

The deal has been in the works for some time, as part of a complex multi-team transaction. But it ultimately came down to the Raptors and the Suns.

Turkoglu leaves Toronto after an up-and-down injury-plagued season, the first in a $53-million US, five-year deal.

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6 Barbosa is a six-year pro from Brazil who averaged 9.5 points a game last season in a campaign interrupted by injury.

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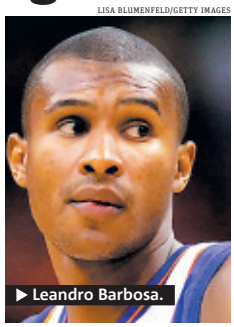

▶ Leandro Barbosa.

Sports in brief

Union disputes NBA forecasts

LOCKOUT. Insisting that the NBA's financial projections "strain credulity," players' association executive director Billy Hunter said yesterday he's seen nothing to change his belief that a lockout is possible. Hunter disputes commissioner David Stern's forecast of nearly $400 million US in losses this season.

Lakers are team to beat: Wade

NBA. Dwyane Wade says the two-time defending champion Los Angeles Lakers should be the favourites heading into next season, simply because this Heat team hasn't proved anything yet. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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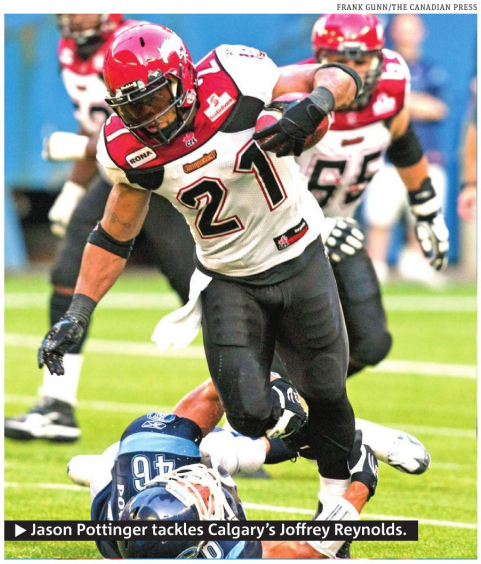

▶ Jason Pottinger tackles Calgary's Joffrey Reynolds.

Johnson, Lemon combine to rally Argos

CALGARY	TORONTO
24	27

Jeff Johnson's one-yard TD run with less than two minutes remaining rallied the Toronto Argonauts to an exciting 27-24 win over the Calgary Stampeders last night.

Johnson's run put Toronto ahead 25-24 at 13:02 of the fourth before Cleo Lemon hit Chad Owens for the two-point convert and the three-point lead.

Calgary took over at its 31-yard line with 1:47 remaining and Toronto's Evan McCollough's appeared to clinch the win with his second interception of the game with 1:11 left. But after a review the pass was deemed incomplete, giving the Stampeders new life at their own 48-yard line. The visitors couldn't do anything with the second chance and turned the ball over on downs.

Stampeders quarterback Henry Burris threw three TD strikes but was also intercepted four times in the game for the first time since 2000.

Burris staked Calgary to a 24-13 lead with two third-quarter TDs. He hit Romby Bryant on an 18-yard pass at 6:30 before finding Deon Murphy behind the secondary on a 10-yard toss at 10:26.

The pass to Bryant was set up by Calgary's defence stopping Lemon on a third-and-one gamble at the home team's 51-yard line, to the dismay of a Rogers Centre gathering of 20,242.

Both teams were playing on a short week. Toronto was coming off a 36-34 road win in Winnipeg on Friday night while Calgary defeated Hamilton 23-22 on Saturday.

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Scoreboard

BASEBALL

AL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
HAMILTON TEX	85	341	59	118	.346
MICABRERA DET	83	312	64	108	.346
MORNEAU MINN	81	296	53	102	.345
BOESCH DET	65	243	34	83	.342
CANO NYY	87	342	61	115	.336
ABELTRE BOS	85	324	44	107	.330
ISUZUKI SEA	88	362	35	118	.326
DEJESUS KC	85	328	45	107	.326
BUTLER KC	87	329	44	106	.322
CRAWFORD TB	85	330	70	106	.321

RUNS - Crawford, Tampa Bay, 70; Youkilis, Boston, 67; MiCabrera, Detroit, 64; Teixeira, New York, 63; Cano, New York, 61; Jeter, New York, 60; Hamilton, Texas, 59.
RBI - MiCabrera, Detroit, 77; Guerrero, Texas, 75; ARodriguez, New York, 70; Hamilton, Texas, 64; Konerko, Chicago, 63; TorHunter, Los Angeles, 62; Longoria, Tampa Bay, 61; Quentin, Chicago, 61.

HITS - Hamilton, Texas, 118; ISuzuki, Seattle, 118; Cano, New York, 115; MYoung, Texas, 109; MiCabrera, Detroit, 108; ABeltre, Boston, 107; DeJesus, Kansas City, 107.

NL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Avg.
PRADO ATL	87	372	61	121	.325
ETHIER LAD	70	275	43	89	.324
POLANCO PHA	62	261	39	83	.318
BYRD CHIC	87	331	47	105	.317
PAGAN NYM	80	298	46	94	.315
CGONZALEZ COL	77	325	56	102	.314
DWRIGHT NYM	87	325	52	102	.314
VOTTO CIN	84	309	59	97	.314
LONEY LAD	88	337	47	104	.309
PUJOLS STL	87	321	55	99	.308

RUNS - BPhillips, Cincinnati, 66; Prado, Atlanta, 61; Votto, Cincinnati, 59; Kemp, Los Angeles, 58; CGonzalez, Colorado, 56; Uggla, Florida, 56; Weeks, Milwaukee, 56.
RBIs - Hart, Milwaukee, 65; Howard, Philadelphia, 65; DWright, New York, 65; Pujols, St. Louis, 64; Loney, Los Angeles, 63; CYoung, Arizona, 61; Gomes, Cincinnati, 60; CGonzalez, Colorado, 60; Votto, Cincinnati, 60.

HITS - Prado, Atlanta, 121; BPhillips, Cincinnati, 108; Byrd, Chicago, 105; Loney, Los Angeles, 104; Braun, Milwaukee, 102; CGonzalez, Colorado, 102; DWright, New York, 102.

AL EAST

	W	L	Pct	GB
NEW YORK	56	32	.636	-
TAMPA BAY	54	34	.614	2
BOSTON	51	37	.580	5
TORONTO	44	45	.494	12.5
BALTIMORE	29	59	.330	27

AL CENTRAL

	W	L	Pct	GB
CHICAGO	49	38	.563	-
DETROIT	48	38	.558	.5
MINNESOTA	46	42	.523	3.5
KANSAS CITY	39	49	.443	10.5
CLEVELAND	34	54	.386	15.5

AL WEST

	W	L	Pct	GB
TEXAS	50	38	.568	-
LOS ANGELES	47	44	.516	4.5
OAKLAND	43	46	.483	7.5
SEATTLE	35	53	.398	15

NL EAST

	W	L	Pct	GB
ATLANTA	52	36	.591	-
NEW YORK	48	40	.545	4
PHILADELPHIA	47	40	.540	4.5
FLORIDA	42	46	.477	10
WASHINGTON	39	50	.438	13.5

NL CENTRAL

	W	L	Pct	GB
CINCINNATI	49	41	.544	-
ST. LOUIS	47	41	.534	1
MILWAUKEE	40	49	.449	8.5
CHICAGO	39	50	.438	9.5
HOUSTON	36	53	.404	12.5
PITTSBURGH	30	58	.341	18

NL WEST

	W	L	Pct	GB
SAN DIEGO	51	37	.580	-
COLORADO	49	39	.557	2
LOS ANGELES	49	39	.557	2
SAN FRANCISCO	47	41	.534	4
ARIZONA	34	55	.382	17.5

TRANSACTIONS

American League

SEATTLE MARINERS-Promoted INF Dustin Ackley, LHP Edward Paredes and RHP Anthony Varvaro to Tacoma (PCL).
TORONTO BLUE JAYS-Acquired SS Yunel Escobar and LHP Jo-Jo Reyes from Atlanta Braves for SS Alex Gonzalez, LHP Tim Collins and INF Tyler Pastronicky. Designated RHP Ronald Uviedo for assignment.

National League

SAN DIEGO PADRES-Claimed OF Quintin Berry off waivers from Philadelphia (NL) and optioned him to San Antonio (Texas).

NHL

EDMONTON OILERS-Re-signed F J.F. Jacques to a one-year contract.
MINNESOTA WILD-Signed C Joel Broda to a three-year contract. Re-signed G Josh Harding to a one-year contract.
NEW YORK RANGERS-Agreed to terms with F Brodie Dupont.
PHOENIX COYOTES-Named Ray Edwards coach and Jeff Truitt assistant coach of San Antonio Rampage (AHL).
SAN JOSE SHARKS-Named Vinny Ferraiuolo assistant equipment manager.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS-Signed F Marcel Mueller to a two-year contract.
WASHINGTON CAPITALS-Signed RW Brian Willsie to a one-year contract.

NBA

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS-Signed G Kyle Lowry to an offer sheet.
INDIANA PACERS-Named Clark Kellogg vice president for player relations.
LOS ANGELES LAKERS-Agreed to terms with G Derek Fisher.
NEW JERSEY NETS-Named Billy King general manager. Signed G Jordan Farmer, F Travis Outlaw and C Johan Petro.
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS-Signed G Evan Turner.
PHOENIX SUNS-Acquired F-G Josh Childress from Atlanta for a 2012 second-round draft pick. Acquired F Hedo Turkoglu from Toronto for G Leandro Barbosa and F Dwayne Jones.

CFL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
TORONTO	3	2	1	0	79	88	4
MONTREAL	2	1	1	0	84	77	2
WINNIPEG	2	1	1	0	83	65	2
HAMILTON	2	0	2	0	51	72	0

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
SASK.	2	2	0	0	91	69	4
CALGARY	3	2	1	0	77	65	4
B.C.	2	1	1	0	43	47	2
EDMONTON	2	0	2	0	33	58	0

Yesterday's results

Toronto 27 Calgary 24

Friday's games

Winnipeg at Hamilton, 7 p.m.
Montreal at B.C., 10 p.m.

Saturday's game

Edmonton at Saskatchewan, 4 p.m.

MLS

EAST CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
COLUMBUS	14	8	2	4	20	12	28
NEW YORK	15	8	5	2	18	17	26
TORONTO FC	14	6	4	4	17	15	22
CHICAGO	14	4	5	5	18	19	17
N.ENGLAND	15	4	9	2	15	26	14
KANSAS CITY	14	3	8	3	11	19	12
D.C. UNITED	15	3	9	3	11	25	12
PHILA.	13	3	8	2	16	25	11

WEST CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
LOS ANGELES	16	11	2	3	25	7	36
SALT LAKE	15	9	3	3	28	11	30
SAN JOSE	14	6	4	4	18	16	22
COLORADO	14	6	4	4	16	13	22
FC DALLAS	14	5	2	7	17	13	22
HOUSTON	16	5	7	4	21	22	19
SEATTLE	16	4	8	4	17	24	16
CHIVAS USA	15	4	9	2	17	21	1

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Rangers get jump on AL by adding Lee

Arms race

The Oakland outfielder Rajai Davis heard the Texas Rangers had acquired Cliff Lee from Seattle late last month, he reacted the same way as many others around baseball did.

"They're trying to make a real run, huh?" Davis said. "They're not playing around."

The Rangers may be in the middle of a messy ownership change that includes a rancorous bankruptcy proceeding, but that didn't stop them from making the first major splash before the July 31 non-waiver trade deadline. Texas added Lee to a team that will carry a 4-game lead in the AL West into the second half of the season, which begins today.

The Rangers are looking for their first playoff appearance since 1999, and adding Lee to a formidable offence lets everyone know they're serious. Lee was 4-0 with a 1.56 ERA in five postseason starts last year for the Phillies. But more importantly, he was 2-0 against the mighty New York Yankees in the World Series.

So who will be the next team to make a move?

The Los Angeles Angels are looking to add a big bat to stay in contention with Texas, and the AL Central-leading Chicago White Sox have similar designs.

"The probability of big guys moving at the deadline is always a risky proposition to try to handicap," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "Things can change from week to week."

One thing we do know is that the winner of the National League pennant will have homefield advantage for the World Series, after the NL beat the American League 3-1 on Tuesday night for its first victory in the All-Star game since 1996. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Races to watch

A few of the more intriguing divisions:

- **AL EAST** Arguably the three best teams in baseball — the Yankees (56-32), Rays (54-34) and Red Sox (51-37) — are fighting for the title and likely the AL wild card.
- **NL WEST** Can Mat Latos, Heath Bell and the remarkably successful San Diego Padres make their 2-game lead over the Rockies and Dodgers stand up for another few months?
- **NL CENTRAL** The Cincinnati Reds (49-41) have been the other big surprise, one game in front of star-studded St. Louis at the break.

PITCHERS

Will young guns stay hot or fade down the stretch?

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▶ Stephen Strasburg

160

Washington's Stephen Strasburg will stick to a regular turn in the rotation until exhausting his 160-inning limit for the season. Strasburg has pitched 98 innings in 2010, including his time in the minors.

Can these young pitchers hold up through hot pennant races?

- **Tampa Bay Rays:** David Price (24) started the All-Star game and Matt Garza (26) was the MVP of the ALCS two years ago. James Shields (28), Jeff Niemann (27) and Wade Davis (24) give the second-place Rays a battle-tested young staff.
- **Ubaldo Jimenez, RHP, Rockies:** The 26-year-old Dominican is chasing history at 15-1 at the break, and he has the Rockies two games back of San Diego in second place in the NL West.
- **Cincinnati Reds:** RHPs Johnny Cueto (24) and Mike Leake (22) were a combined 14-3 at the break, and LHP Travis Wood (23) nearly tossed a perfect game last Saturday against Philadelphia.
- **Stephen Strasburg, RHP, Nationals:** The Nationals may be out of it, but it's going to be great fun watching how MLB's newest rock star responds to all the attention that has turned each of the rookie's starts into an event.

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INJURIES

Staying healthy proves tough for some teams

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▶ Chase Utley

.277

Even before his injury, Philadelphia's Chase Utley was off to a slow start, batting .277 while slugging .466. Both numbers are well below his career marks of .294 and .518, and would be his lowest since 2004.

Injuries always play a big part in who makes it in and who falls short in the playoff race. This year, several teams have been ravaged, including:

- **Boston Red Sox:** RHP Clay Buchholz, C Victor Martinez, 2B Dustin Pedroia (fractured left foot), OF Jacoby Ellsbury (broken ribs), C Jason Varitek (fractured right foot), 3B Mike Lowell (right hip) and RHP Josh Beckett (back) have all missed significant time.
- **Philadelphia Phillies:** The two-time defending NL champs, and the 2008 World Series champs, are off to a slower start this year after injuries to 2B Chase Utley (right thumb), LHP J.A. Happ (left forearm) and 3B Placido Polanco (left elbow). Utley isn't expected back anytime soon and key relievers Ryan Madson and Chad Durbin have also been hurt.
- **New York Mets:** SS Jose Reyes aggravated his sore right side and missed the all-star game, but CF Carlos Beltran is set to make his season debut today after right knee surgery.

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CFL Extra Points

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PIERCE PAYS OFF FOR BOMBERS

A handful of quarterback-needy CFL teams avoided Buck Pierce in the off-season much like a fleet-footed quarterback dodges an angry pass rush.

Who can blame them? Pierce has a history of injuries including career-threatening concussions, so signing the free agent pivot was an obvious risk. Winnipeg took a shot and, at least for now, the move has been brilliant for the Bombers.

The former Lion rushed for 103 yards on seven carries against Toronto last week and through two games Pierce has 192 rushing yards, fifth-best in the league, and more than three starting tailbacks.

He has posted career rushing highs in two straight games and has the best average in the CFL (14.8 yards). It's exciting to watch, but considering Pierce's fragile history, you have to cringe every time hefty defensive linemen zero in for the tackle.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Through two weeks of CFL action we've seen a kickoff return for a touchdown, two punt returns taken to the house and three missed field goal attempts run all the way back for TDs.

Six return majors in eight games may be attributed to the five new special teams coaches new to their assignments this season.

Three teams that have allowed majors on either punts, kickoffs or missed field goals all have first-year co-ordinators.

ESKIMOS

Winless in two starts and looking up from the bottom of the CFL West standings, the Edmonton Eskimos are in for more trouble in Week 3 in Regina against the undefeated Roughriders.

But the Eskimos won twice at Mosaic Stadium last season and a return there might just be what the team needs to dig itself out of a hole. The Esks won 38-33 and 31-27 in Regina in 2009.

RETRO UNIFORMS

The Eskimos are hoping to break their retro uniform jinx by going back to the year they won their fourth Grey Cup.

On Aug. 6, the Eskies will play host to the Toronto Argonauts wearing uniforms styled after those worn in 1975 by the club that defeated Montreal for the Grey Cup.

Last year, the Eskimos lost all three games they played in retro uniforms.

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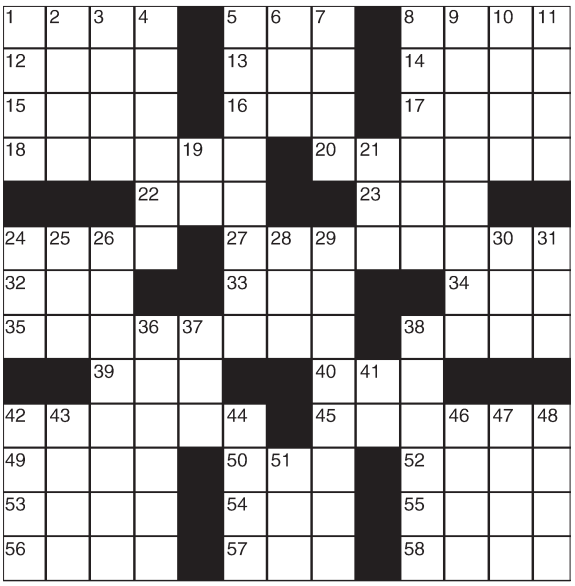

Across

1 "T," in Morse code
5 Carte lead-in
8 Unaltered
12 Division word
13 Cranberry territory
14 Ski lift type
15 Ignore
16 Seek damages
17 Venomous vipers
18 Lacks the skills to
20 Loathe
22 CBS newsman Bob
23 Sprint
24 Bedouin
27 Almond liqueur
32 Tavern
33 Corn holder
34 Wet wiggler
35 Break periods
38 Nourish
39 Dove's call
40 Hooter
42 East
45 Deli sandwich
49 History
50 Recede
52 No. 1 choice, for short
53 Cold War initials
54 Exist
55 Took off
56 Fix, in a sense
57 Frenzied
58 Longings

Down

1 Record
2 "— Karenina"
3 Dazzle
4 Rub elbows
5 Theoretical
6 "Skip to My —"
7 On in years
8 Sculpture
9 Missing person?
10 Navigator's stack
11 Once, once
19 Either- —
21 Blunder
24 Spring mo.
25 Regret
26 Graph coordinate
28 Larry's pal
29 Soaked up
30 Ball holder
31 See 7-Down
36 Verse
37 Charged bit
38 Superficial
41 Lindbergh book
42 Piece of work
43 Grate
44 Squad
46 Cotton quantity
47 Squared
48 Information
51 Support of a sort

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

	9		8	7	5		3	
7								4
		8				5		
3	1		2		6		7	5
				3				
6	5		4		8		2	9
		2				6		
9								2
	6		7	2	9		1	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

9	5	6	4	8	1	3	7	2
3	7	1	2	6	5	9	4	8
2	8	4	9	7	3	5	1	6
7	9	2	6	4	8	1	3	5
6	1	5	3	2	7	8	9	4
8	4	3	5	1	9	2	6	7
4	6	9	1	5	2	7	8	3
5	3	8	7	9	4	6	2	1
1	2	7	8	3	6	4	5	9

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ALINA

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<3 ALEX

Oh, Mary. Thanks for being a marvelous cousin! I love you mucho.
BELINDA

The Weather Network (TWN incorporates MSC data)

Today	Friday	Saturday
Partly cloudy	Variable	Partly cloudy
31° / 23°	30° / 21°	29° / 19°

Today's horoscope

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Don't bother sticking to a rigid plan of action because it will severely limit your options. In fact it might be best if you had no plan at all. Take life as it comes.

♉ Taurus April 23-May 21 You make your share of mistakes but unlike some people you are not afraid to admit it. While others are still trying to deny they made a wrong turning today you will be retracing your steps and then getting it right.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 The only thing that matters today is that you follow your instincts and follow to the letter what your inner voice tells you.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Bring your thoughts down to earth and start looking at ways you can make your life more secure financially. Grand ideas and plans can be fun but you have to pay the bills.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Your confidence may be a bit low but other aspects promise that your potential is unlimited, so stop feeling sorry for yourself and start doing the things you are good at. Get creative.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Virgos are more sensitive to what goes on in the world around them than they like to let on and you will notice things today that others have missed. If you are smart and quick you can make it pay. Start now.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You like to be helpful, and you are no stranger to putting yourself out for other people, but there are limits and what someone asks you to do today can and must be refused.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You know what you want and you know how to get it, but you may have to wait until the 22nd before the opportunity arises. That's okay. You're patient.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Speak from the heart and let everyone know how you feel. Some people may not like your candid comments but only because they know they are true (and make them look bad). Call it as you see it, and call it loud.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You have allowed certain issues to slide and if you don't get on top of them quickly they may be out of your control for good. Chances are you have relied too heavily on others to make decisions for you.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Don't try to keep your thoughts to yourself today because others will know in an instant that you are trying to hide something.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Something isn't working and needs to be changed. You know what that something is and you know you have put it off too many times already. Get tough with yourself.
SALLY BROMPTON

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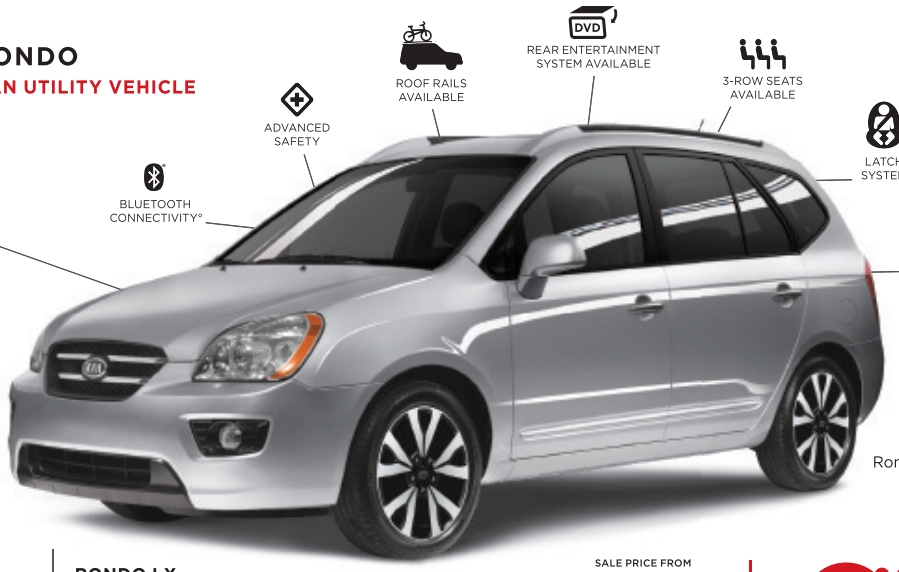

Rondo EX shown

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